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On 26 November 1953, at a meeting of plants using the services of the Tank Car Steering Office (Kesselwagenleitstelle) for the transportation of liquid fuels, Grossman (fnu), Sales Director of Boehlen, announced that the 1954 Mittelbenzin 1/ production plan for his plant had been cut from about 60,000 metric tons to 13,000. Grossman added that the cut would leave Boehlen at below-capacity production level unless the East German economy could find some use for the gasoline. He described the product as having an octane rating of 72, but added that the cost price of production is about one-fifth higher than that for normal gasoline.

25X1A 1/ [] Comment. Source referred to the product as Mittelbenzin or Aviabenzin. He said that he did not know what its use was, but that the planned 60,000 tons had been destined solely for export.

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